

Appln. No.: 09/479,918  
Amendment dated September 30, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of August 24, 2004

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-32 remain pending in this application.

Claims 1-32 have been provisional rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 11 of commonly assigned, application no. 09/479,944. Application no. 09/479,944 has been abandoned. Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment on May 26, 2004 rendering this rejection moot. However, claims 1-12 of application no. 09/479,944 were added as new claims 18-29 to commonly assigned, co-pending application no. 09/479,946 in an Amendment filed March 1, 2004. Since then, the claims have been further amended. Nonetheless, and notwithstanding the merits of a potential rejection and to expedite prosecution of the instant application, applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection over claims of application no. 09/479,946.

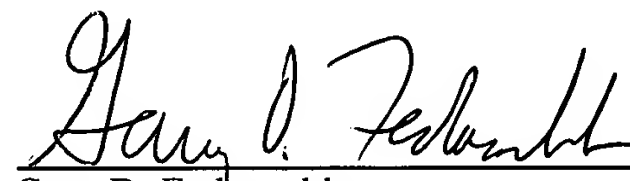
All rejections having been addressed, applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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